GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.574 **Dated:14.05.2019**

Read the following:

1. U.O.Note No.4327/Elecs.A/A4/2019, dt.6.5.2019 from the Chief Electoral officer, Andhra Pradesh along with Ref.H4/108/2019, dt.17.04.2019 of District Collector, EG District and Letter No.464/TERR/SOU3/AP/2019/942, dt.26.4.2019 of ECI, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. G.O.Ms.No.299, Revenue (Vig.I) Department, dt.14-05-2019.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal), Rules, 1991, in the reference 3rd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 as he has failed to preserve testing VVPAT slips which need to be packed in black cover and stored in plastic boxes and same has to be submitted to Returning Officer at Reception Centre as per ECI guidelines but through his reckless and irresponsible action also exposed the credibility and integrity of the election process' to avoidable doubts and aspersions.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct/ misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III &IV).

3. Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum- Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum-Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MANMOHAN SINGH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, Returning Officer for 48-Mandapeta Assembly Constituency — Cum-Special Deputy Collector, Polavaram Irrigation project, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District **through** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

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Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
(with a request to furnish served copy of this G.O.).
The District Collector, East Godavari.
S.F./ S.C.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER